

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10-11, 13 and 26 and the specification are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 1-9 and 17-25 are allowed. However, for at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

A. The Office Action objects to the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification obviate the grounds for the rejection. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

B. The Office Action rejects claims 10-16 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments obviate the grounds for the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10-16 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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